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WE ARE REPORTING TO YOU
LIVE FROM SEOUL, SOUTH
KOREA. ABOVE ME IS A GATE
THAT HAS COVERED THE
SKIES ABOVE THE CITY...

THE GATE YOU ARE SEEING
RIGHT NOW IS THE LARGEST
ONE SINCE THE DAWN OF
MAGIC BEASTS...

AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY HAVE
COME OUTSIDE TO WITNESS THIS
PHENOMENON. NONE OF THEM
LOOK TOO HAPPY...


...THIS IS NICK
POWELL FROM BBN
NEWS, SIGNING OFF.

I RECENTLY BEGAN
WARNING PEOPLE ABOUT
THE LARGE VOLUMES OF
MANA ACCUMULATING
IN THE SKIES.



THE GIANT GATE
OVER SEOUL IS JUST
THE BEGINNING.

FROM HERE ON OUT,
WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE
THIS TERRIFYING GATE
APPEAR IN MANY OTHER
COUNTRIES.



DO YOU MEAN
TO SAY THAT THIS TYPE
OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS
BEEN OBSERVED IN OTHER
PARTS OF THE WORLD
AS WELL?

THAT'S
PRECISELY THE
POINT I WANT TO
EMPHASIZE.



PROFESSOR,
YOU'VE BEEN RESEARCHING
GATES AND BEASTS FOR
QUITE SOME TIME NOW.

WHAT DO YOU
SUPPOSE IS THE WISEST
WAY TO HANDLE THIS
SITUATION?


...

WE MUST PRAY.

***WE MUST PRAY THAT
THIS UNPRECEDENTED
EVENT DOESN'T END
IN TRAGEDY.***








THAT'S WEIRD.
I CAN'T ENTER
THE GATE.

IT'S LIKE I'M
BLOCKED OFF
BY SOME SORT
OF WALL...



IF IT WERE AN
ORDINARY WALL,
I WOULD'VE JUST
BROKEN IT
DOWN...


A GATE THAT
CAN'T BE ENTERED
BY AN AWAKENED
BEING, HUH...?

I WONDER IF
THE BEASTS INSIDE ARE
DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES
I'VE ENCOUNTERED
SO FAR.

EITHER WAY, MY
FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ARE DOWN THERE.

I'M NOT GOING
TO LET WHATEVER'S
INSIDE OFF EASY.





HELLO,
MR. WOO.

HELLO, MR. SUNG.
I'M HAVING TROUBLE
HEARING YOUR VOICE.
SHOULD I TRY CALLING
YOU AGAIN?

NO, IT'S BECAUSE
I'M SOMEWHERE UP
HIGH RIGHT NOW.

ALSO, I SHOULD
PROBABLY START
CALLING YOU CHAIRMAN
WOO FROM NOW ON.



PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CALL ME
WHATEVER YOU'D
LIKE.

I STILL FEEL A
LITTLE AWKWARD ABOUT
THIS PROMOTION. IT'S
MUCH MORE THAN I
DESERVE.

OH, DID YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK INTO THAT THING I ASKED YOU ABOUT?

YES, I ASKED THE HUNTER MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO RUN A SATELLITE SCAN.

BUT...

...NOT A SINGLE NEW GATE HAS SPAWNED ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

ARE YOU SAYING THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW GATES BESIDES THE ONE THAT HAS ALREADY SPAWNED?

YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS SINCE THIS ENORMOUS GATE APPEARED.


WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF ALL THE GATES AROUND THE WORLD DISAPPEARING AT THE SAME TIME?

...THIS ISN'T JUST A COINCIDENCE.

OUR PLAN IS TO START EVACUATING THE CIVILIANS LOCATED NEAR THE GATE.

WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO MITIGATE CHAOS.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MR. SLUNG? WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?



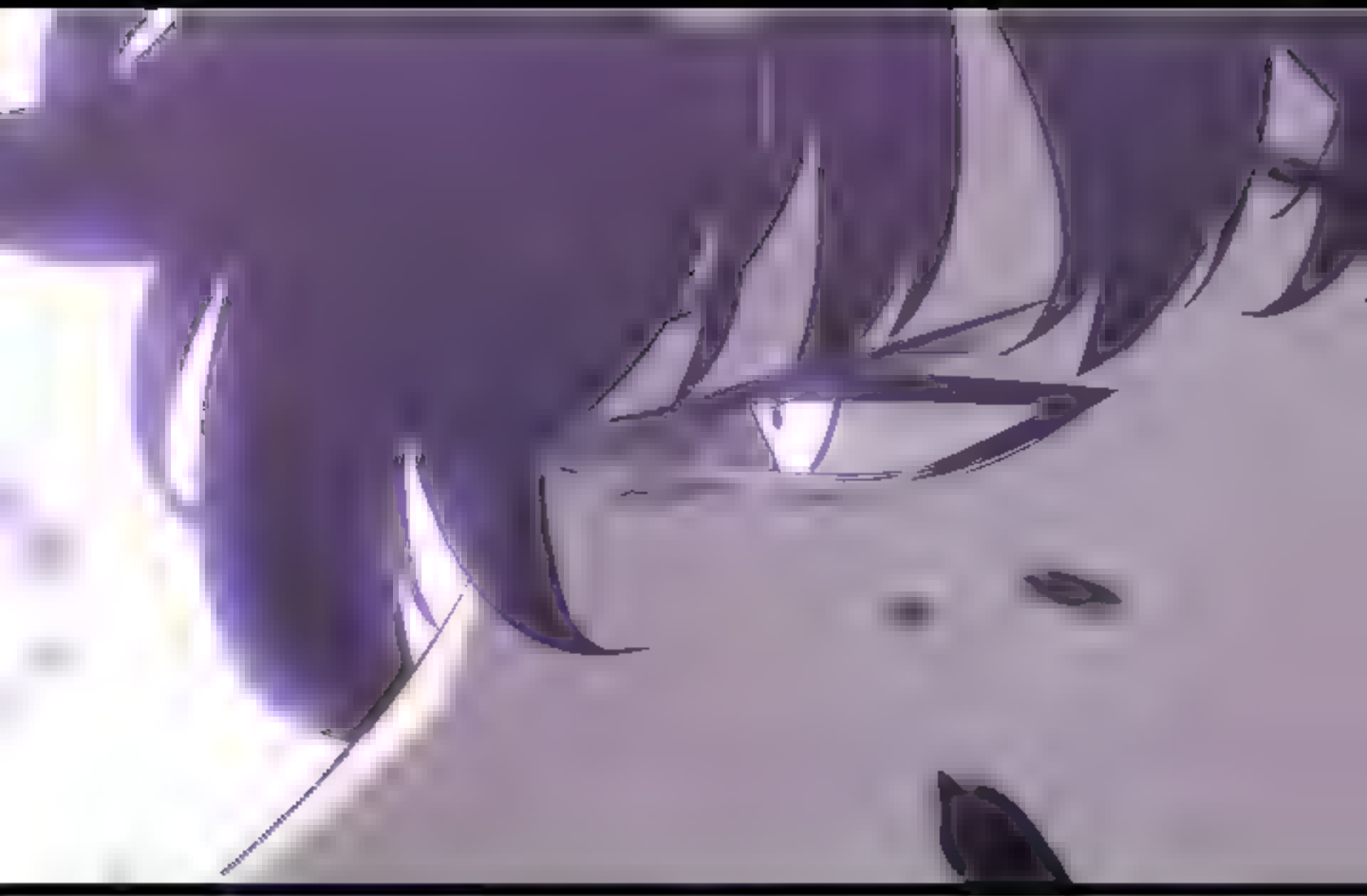
...THOUGH WE DON'T
KNOW WHAT TOMORROW
HOLDS,



SOMEONE
HAS TO PLANT THE
APPLE TREE.



PRESS



HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION
GYMNASIUM





SWOOSH

SWISH

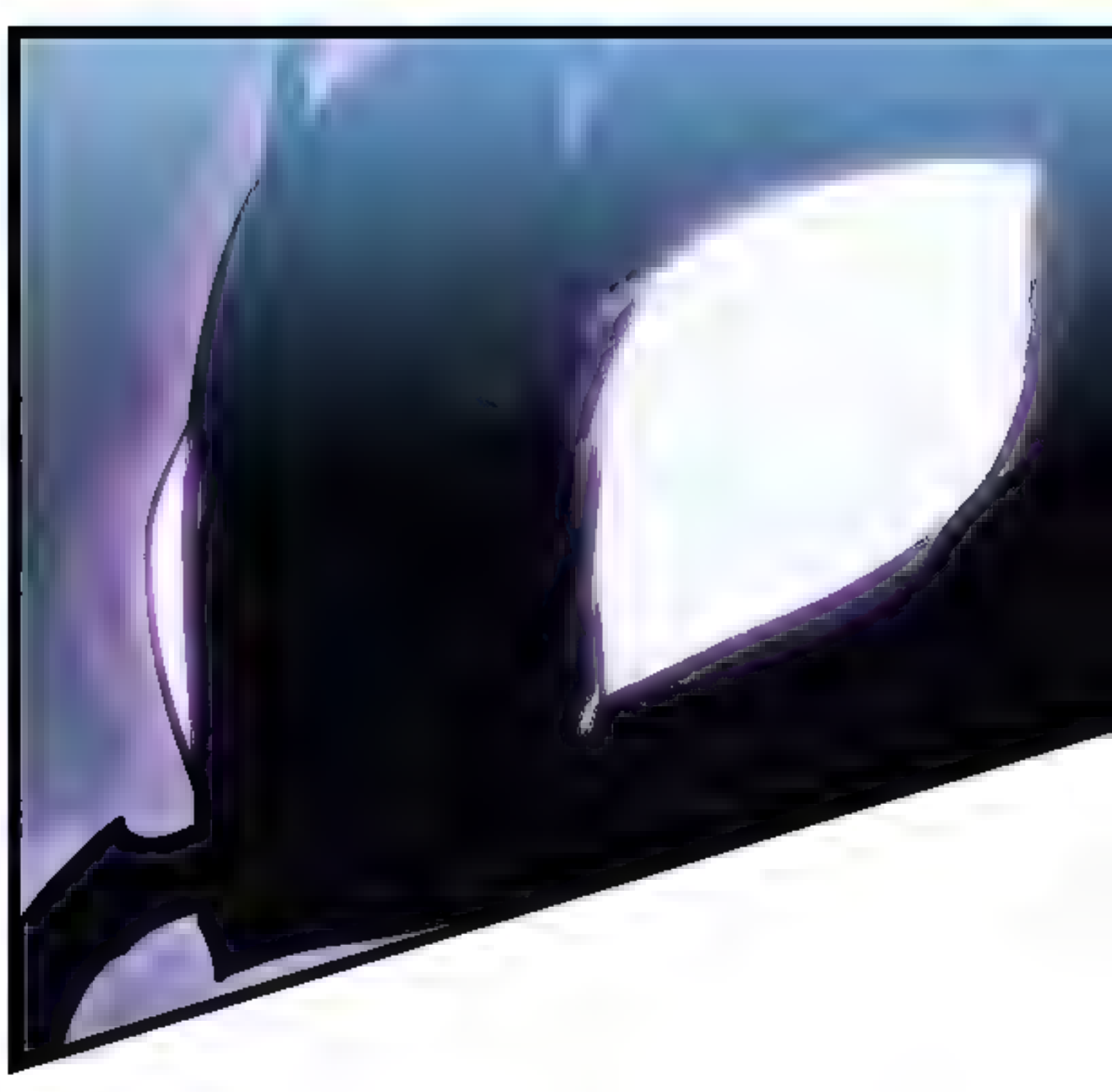
SWISH





LUNGE

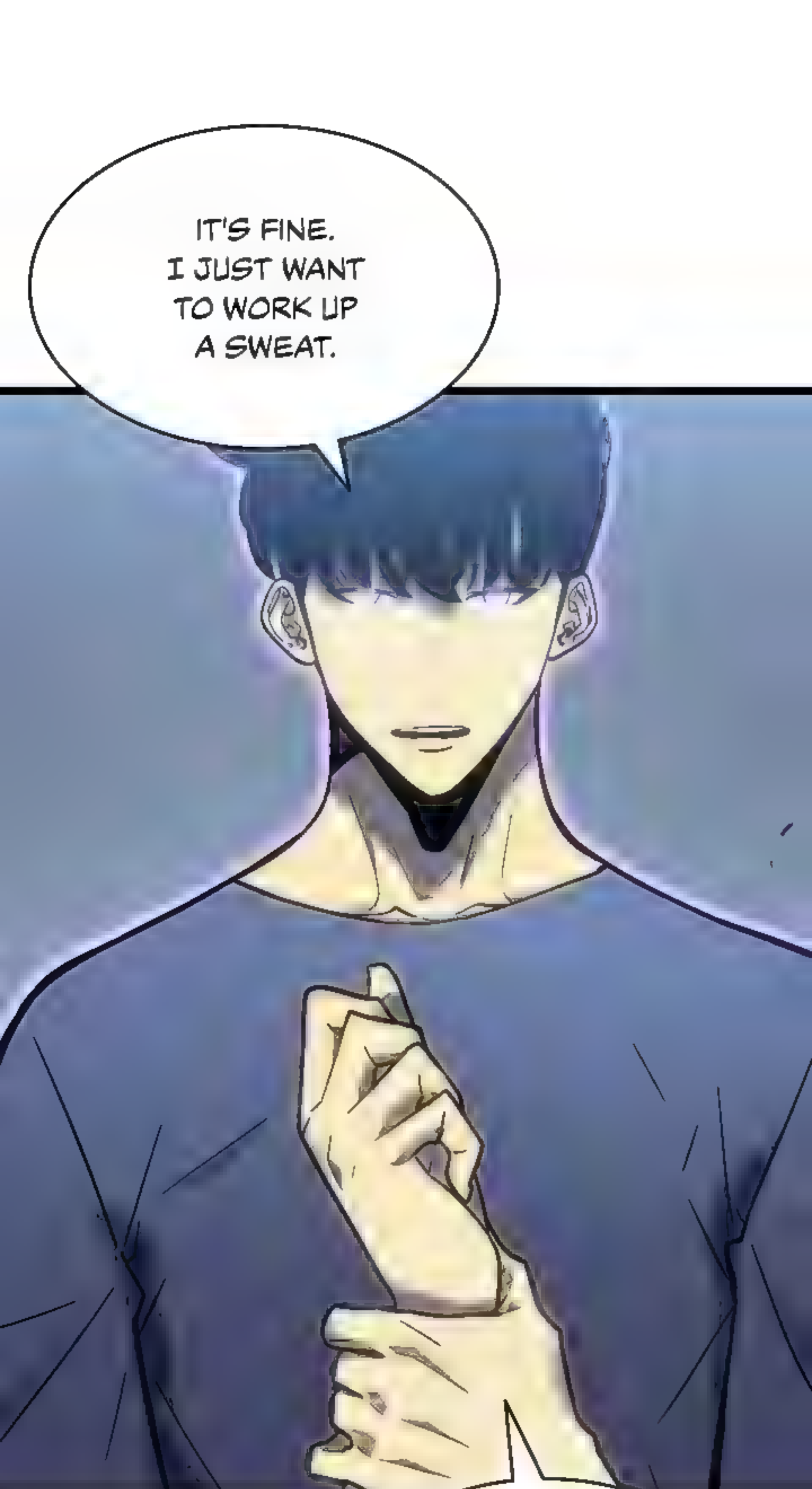
GRAB



ARE YOU
REALLY GIVING IT
YOUR ALL?







IT'S FINE.
I JUST WANT
TO WORK UP
A SWEAT.

AND YOU KNOW
YOU'RE THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN HELP
ME DO THAT.



*I, I AM
DEEPLY MOVED
AND HONORED BY
YOUR WORDS...!*

I FEEL LIKE YOUR
VOCABULARY IS GROWING
BY THE DAY... YOU DIDN'T
EAT ANOTHER HUMAN,
RIGHT?

ANYWAY.

ANYWAY
LET'S GET
STARTED.









YOU'RE
PRETTY STRONG,
NOW THAT YOU'RE
A COMMANDER.





BUT DID YOU
KNOW?

POW

IN AN ARMY,

THERE
CAN ONLY BE ONE
COMMANDER.

ONCE IGRIS
AND GREED BECOME
GENERALS, THEY'LL
CATCH UP TO YOU IN
NO TIME.

SO IF YOU
DON'T WANT YOUR
POSITION TAKEN AWAY,
YOU'D BETTER TRY
HARDER.

GREED


DASH

BAM




THIS ISN'T
ENOUGH.





BERU MAY BE THE
STRONGEST SOLDIER
IN MY SHADOW ARMY,
BUT...



...HE'S NOWHERE
NEAR STRONG ENOUGH
TO FIGHT AGAINST
THOSE GUYS.



GRAB





SMASH

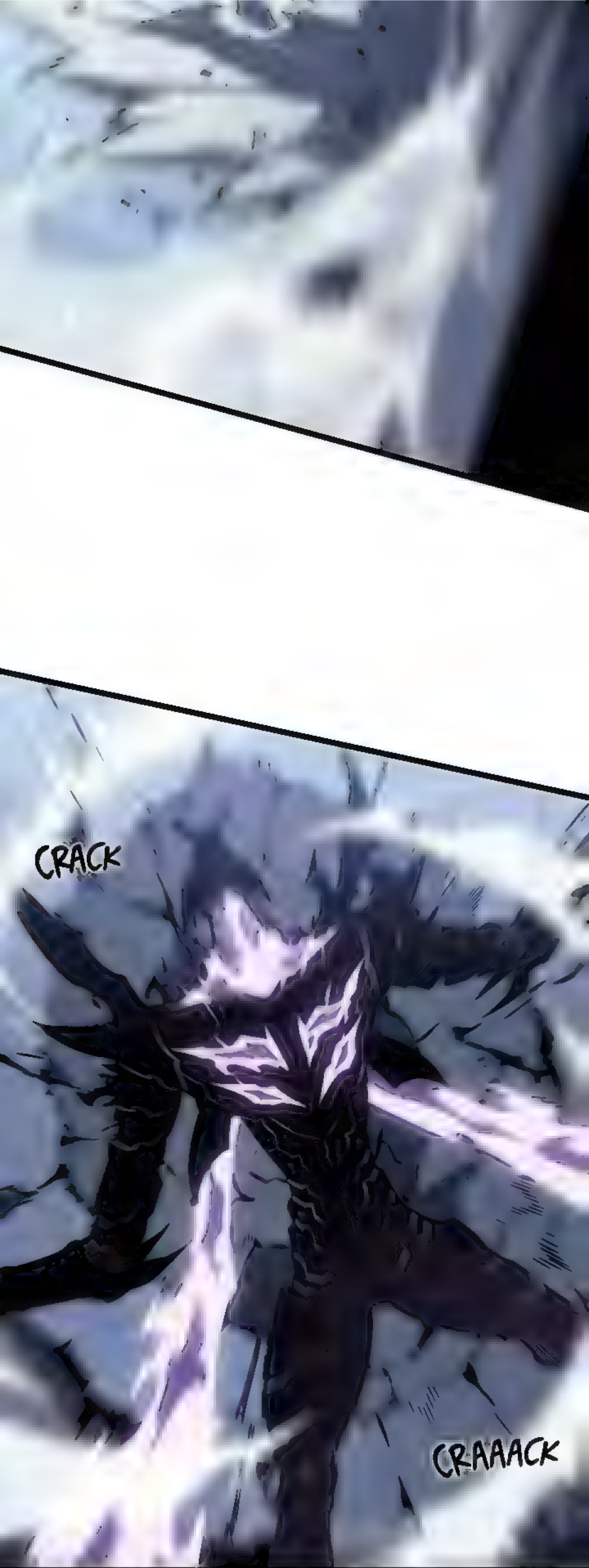


WHOMP



CRASH





CRACK

CRAAACK

MY KING,
I, YOUR LOWLY
SERVANT...

...AM LEFT IN AWE
BY YOUR ALMIGHTY
POWER...



THUD



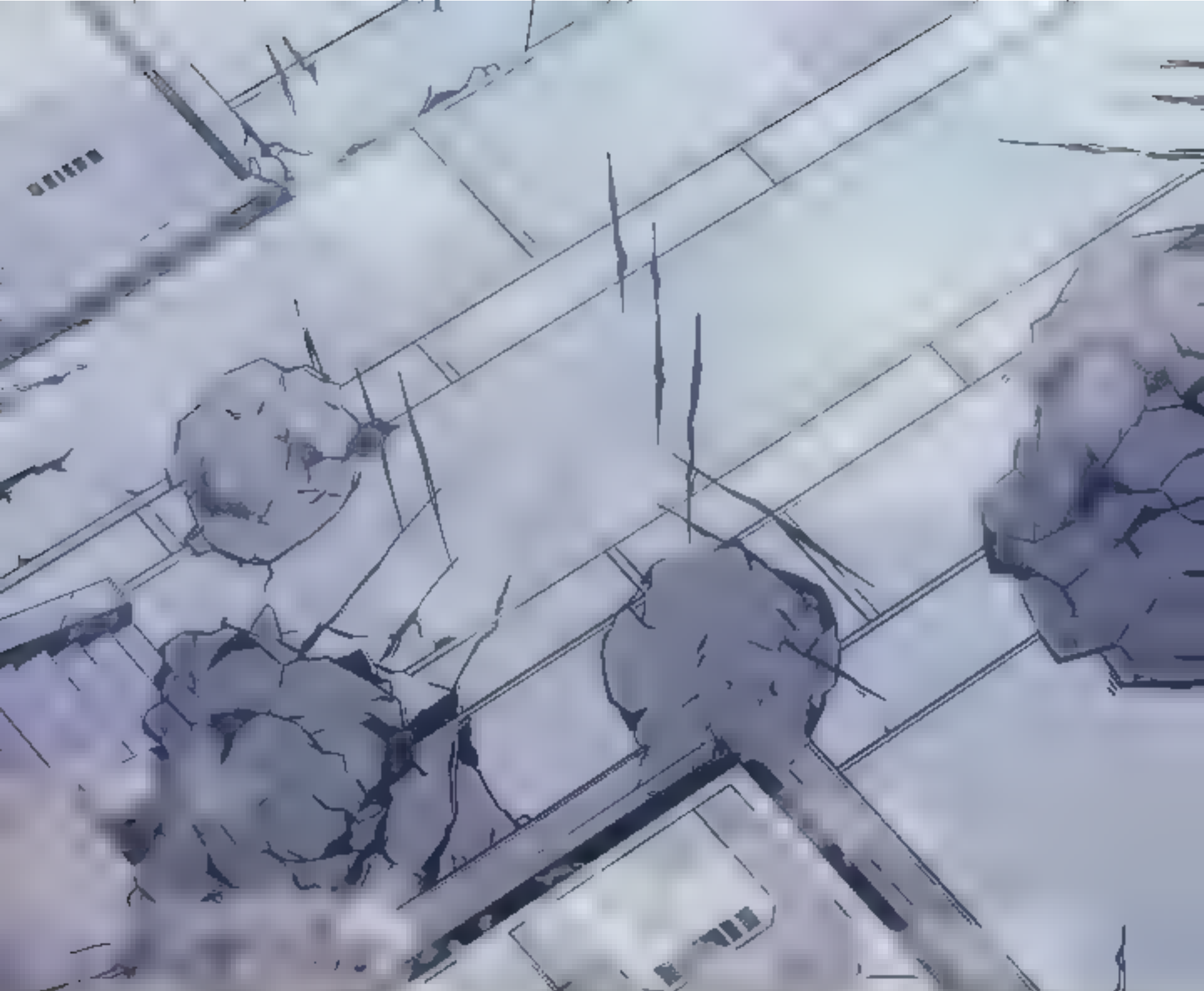
I THINK YOU
SHOULD LAY OFF
THOSE HISTORICAL
DRAMAS FOR A
WHILE.



WELL, NOW
THAT THE TEST
IS OVER,

I NEED TO START
CLEANING THIS
PLACE UP...






UM, CHAIRMAN?
JUST HEAR ME
OUT, OKAY?

I HAVE AN OUTSTANDING
WORKFORCE OF ABOUT
300 ANTS, SO...




A HOTEL IN SEOUL




A woman with long blonde hair tied in a bun, wearing a black dress, stands on the left. She is looking towards a large, blue, furry creature on the right. The creature has a large, bushy tail and is holding a small object in its hand. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

ARE YOU
PLANNING TO STAY,
MR. ANDRE?

A large, blue, furry creature with a large, bushy tail. It is holding a small object in its hand. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

HOW COULD
I LEAVE BEHIND
SOMETHING SO BIG
AND BEAUTIFUL?

A woman with long blonde hair tied in a bun, wearing a black dress, stands on the right. She is looking towards a large, blue, furry creature on the left. The creature has a large, bushy tail and is holding a small object in its hand. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

IT CERTAINLY
IS BIG, BUT...
"BEAUTIFUL"?

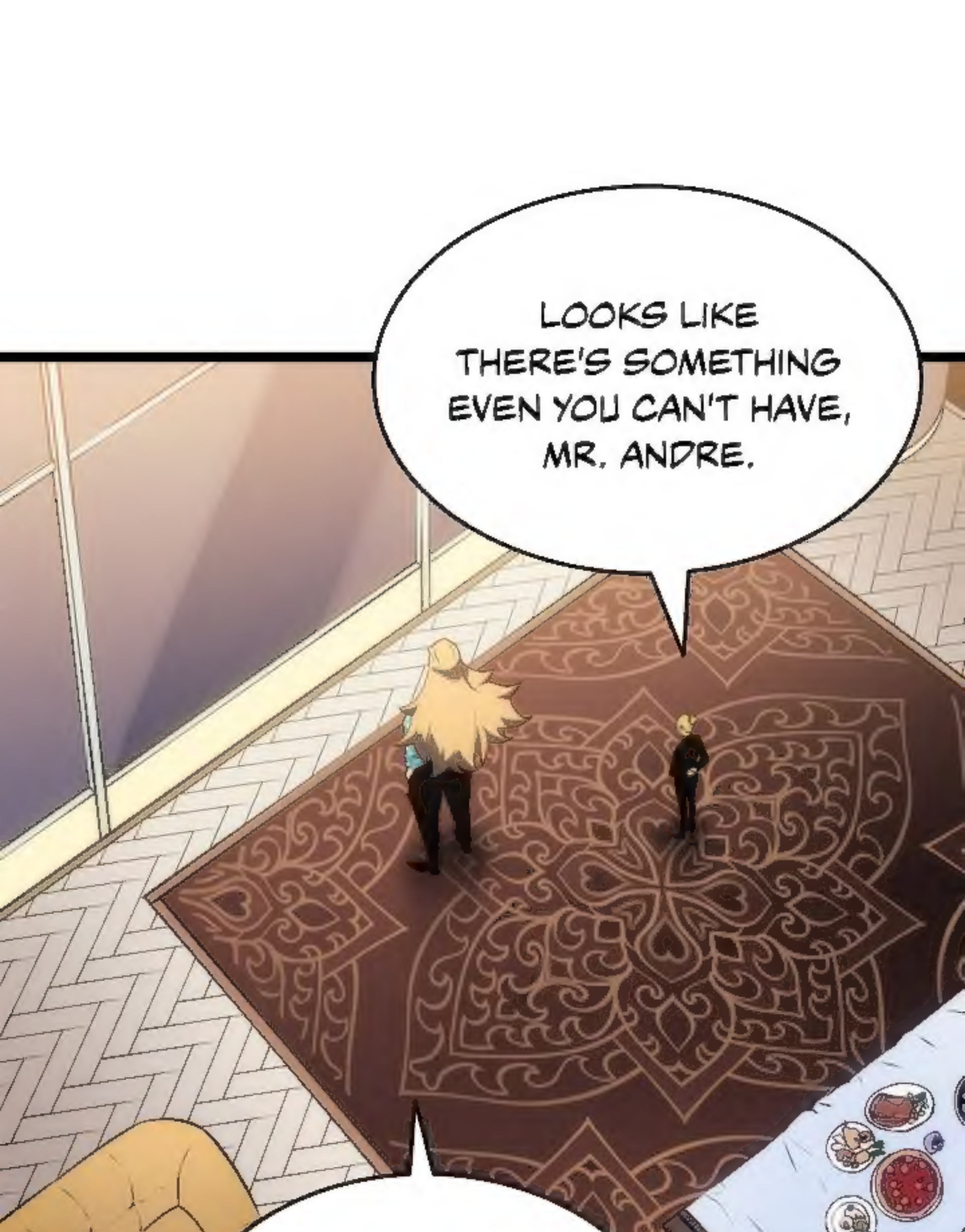
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ALL THINGS
THAT MAKE YOUR
HEART FLUTTER
ARE BEAUTIFUL.

A FIRE-BREATHING
DRAGON, THAT MASSIVE
GATE, AND SUNG JINWOO'S
POWER... THEY'RE ALL
THINGS OF BEAUTY.

WHICH IS
WHY I WANTED
EVERYTHING...


...THAT WAS
CONSIDERED
BEAUTIFUL FOR
MYSELF.



LOOKS LIKE
THERE'S SOMETHING
EVEN YOU CAN'T HAVE,
MR. ANDRE.

YES, I DIDN'T
THINK THAT WAS
POSSIBLE.


ANYWAY, WHAT'S
THE POINT OF GOING
BACK HOME WHEN
THERE AREN'T ANY
NEW GATES?




BUT...
THE BUREAU IS
WORRIED.

WORRIED?
GOOD ONE. THE SAFEST
PLACE IN THE WORLD IS BY
SLUNG JINWOO'S SIDE.

BESIDES, THERE
WON'T BE ANYTHING
TO BE WORRIED
ABOUT IF THIS GATE
ISN'T STOPPED.

A close-up of a hand holding a sword with a glowing yellow blade. The hand is dark-skinned and the sleeve is dark.

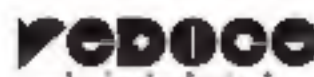
THAT'S WHY
I WANT TO WITNESS
EVERYTHING WITH MY
OWN TWO EYES.

A wide shot of a hand holding a glass of red liquid over a city at sunset. The hand is dark-skinned and the sleeve is dark. The city below is bathed in the orange and red light of the setting sun, with many small figures of people visible on the streets.

*I WANT TO SEE
IF THIS WILL BE THE
END OF MANKIND, OR
THE START OF A NEW
BEGINNING.*

To Be Continued...

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